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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Samuel CORONADO,

Defendant.

Magistrate Case No.:


COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960  
Importation of a Controlled Substance  
(Felony)

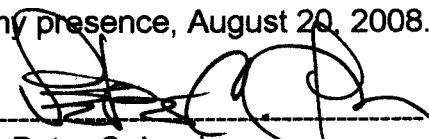
The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

That on or about August 19, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant Samuel CORONADO, did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 54.96 kilograms (120.91 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.

  
Christina Johnson ~~TEMOTHY L. HENDERSON~~  
Special Agent

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, August 20, 2008.

  
Peter C. Lewis  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

1 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

5 This complaint is based on the personal observations, investigation, and  
6 information furnished to Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Christina  
7 Johnson.

8 On August 19, 2008, at approximately 0900 hours, Samuel CORONADO entered  
9 the United States from the Republic of Mexico at the Calexico, CA, West Port of Entry.  
10 CORONADO was the driver of a white 2000 Chevy Silverado bearing license plate  
11 (CA/US) 5R10798.

12 Primary Customs and Border Protection Officer (CBPO) Equihua received a  
13 negative Customs Declaration from CORONADO. CBPO Equihua inquired about  
14 CORONADO's destination. CORONADO stated he was going to work in the Imperial  
15 Valley. CBPO Equihua inquired about the ownership of the vehicle and CORONADO  
16 stated it was his. CBPO Equihua proceeded to inspect the vehicle and noticed that  
17 CORONADO appeared to be nervous, avoiding eye contact and being somewhat  
18 talkative. CBPO Equihua decided to refer CORONADO to the secondary lot for further  
19 inspection.

20 In secondary, CBPO Bejarano received a negative Customs Declaration from  
21 CORONADO. CBPO Bejarano noticed that CORONADO's hand was shaking as he  
22 presented his driver's license. CBPO Bejarano requested that CORONADO step out of  
23 the vehicle. CBPO Bejarano inspected the bed of the truck and noticed a discrepancy  
24 in spacing from the top of the floor bed and the bottom. CBPO Bejarano requested  
25 Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) Parrish utilized his Narcotics Detector Dog (NDD) to  
26 screen the vehicle. The NDD alerted to the bed of the truck driven by CORONADO.  
27 CEO Parrish advised CBPO Bejarano of the alert. CBPO Bejarano opened the  
28 compartment and discovered packages.  
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1 A thorough physical search of the vehicle revealed 42 packages concealed in  
2 the non-factory compartment in the bed of the truck. A presumptive field test of one of  
3 the packages indicated the contents of these packages to be marijuana. The total  
4 weight of the packages was approximately 54.96 kilograms (120.91 lbs).

5 CORONADO was notified of his arrest and advised of his Miranda Rights, which  
6 he acknowledged and waived. CORONADO admitted knowledge of the marijuana and  
7 stated he was to be paid \$1500.00 for the smuggling venture. CORONADO was  
8 processed and transported to Imperial County Jail.  
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